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## Get your kids vaccinated before the back-to-school rush

Vancouver, WA — Parents can cross immunizations off their children's back-to-school lists by scheduling appointments now with their healthcare provider, or by visiting several area clinics (listed below) to determine which immunizations are required for school attendance.

"Immunizations are a safe and effective way of keeping children from getting sick," said Robin Kratz, Clark County Health Department Immunization Coordinator.  "They strengthen the immune system by helping the body to recognize and fight the viruses and bacteria that cause serious diseases. The more children who are vaccinated, the better protection for all of us."

Don't know where your child's immunization record is? Many health care providers use the CHILD Profile Immunization Registry to keep track of immunizations of children born in Washington. Health care workers suggest that parents check to see if their provider has access to the registry.

Clinics offering immunizations include:

**Clark County Health Department**
2000 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver
Walk-in 8 – noon and 1 – 4 p.m. Monday – Friday
Appointments encouraged. Call 397-8089

**East County**
East County Service Center
1702 "C" St., Washougal
Saturday, August 14, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
838-2440 (Sponsored by LaCamas Medical Group)

**North County**
North County Community Service Center
701 E. Main St., Battleground
Saturday, August 28, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
687-7126 (Sponsored by McLoughlin Family Practice)

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**Free Clinic of Southwest Washington**
4100 Plomondon St., Vancouver
Thursday, August 26 and September 9, 9 a.m. – noon both days
313-1390

Although the Clark County Health Department offers immunizations on a walk-in basis, appointments are encouraged to minimize wait time. No child can be denied immunizations at these clinics due to the inability to pay.

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